

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the North Haven Cemetery Commission held at 7:00 P.M., on Wednesday, July 14, 2010, at the North Haven Town Hall.

Members Present: Ms. Roz Gambardella, Dr. Rita Landino, Ms. Fredricksen, Rev. Scott Morrow, Ms. Julia Pohoda

Members Absent: Mr. Michael J. Freda, Ms. Elizabeth Baptie

Also Present: Edward J. Swinkoski, Director of Finance/Administration

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Ms. Gambardella.

The following materials were either mailed out to members prior to the meeting or distributed at this time:

1. Agenda July 7, 2010
2. Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on April 14, 2010
3. 4th Quarter Reports FYE 2010

Ms. Fredricksen made a motion to amend the agenda to include Mr. Nick Derrico of the North Haven Historical Society.

Seconded by, Dr. Landino.

Mr. Morrow then made a motion to amend the agenda to include the Draft Cemetery Rules and Regulations.

Seconded by, Ms. Fredricksen.

MINUTES

After a brief discussion of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on April 14, 2010, Ms. Fredricksen moved their acceptance, seconded by Dr. Landino.

VOTE: All in favor.

OLD BUSINESS

H.S. PLAUT CEMETERY COMPANY

Ms. Gambardella suggested that we request a quarterly report from H.S. Plaut. The Commission members decided that Mr. Plaut be asked to attend our October meeting and prepare a report of work that has been done to date.

MONUMENT CONSERVATION COLLABORATIVE – NEW CENTER CEMETERY

Work on the New Center Cemetery will begin the first week of August.

NEW BUSINESS4TH QTR 2010 REPORTS

The reports were presented by Mr. Swinkoski and after a brief discussion Ms. Gambardella moved that the reports be accepted as presented.

Seconded by, Ms. Fredricksen.

VOTE: All in favor.

EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT – ANCIENT CEMETERY

Mr. Nick Derrico of the Historical Society has met with Terry Jacobs to discuss his Eagle Scout project. He has proposed to erect a kiosk which will display a reproduction of the plot plan of the Ancient cemetery. The Boy Scout has already met with Lynn Sadosky and Victor Palma and as a result of their meeting the project was modified. The Boy Scout has been working on this project for over a year. Mr. Derrico happened to be working on another project relating to the cemetery and thought that he could work in conjunction with the Boy Scout's project. Unfortunately, it would require much more work from our Public Works Department and they are unable to commit to this revised project. Mr. Derrico was concerned that the original proposed project would not be accomplished and asked the Commission for their guidance.

Further discussion followed.

Ms. Gambardella then made a motion to support the original Eagle Scout Project that was presented in August 2009.

Seconded by, Ms. Fredricksen.

VOTE: All in favor.

Rev. Morrow will work with the Director of Public Works and the Boy Scout on this project. The Commission members also suggested that we invite the Boy Scout to attend our October meeting.

DRAFT CEMETERY RULES AND REGULATIONS

Rev. Morrow began the discussion stating that he met with First Selectman Mike Freda today to discuss the draft rules and regulations. During their discussion, Mr. Freda said that the Town has hired a contractor to do pro-active maintenance at the cemeteries, i.e., trim shrubs, pick up trash, remove dead flowers, weeds, etc.

Both Dr. Landino and Ms. Gambardella felt that there needs to be better communication between the Town and the Commission. The Commission also discussed complaints received about the cemetery and that there should be a specific department/person to receive these complaints and handle them.

Rev. Morrow then made a motion that the Cemetery Commission ask the First Selectman to designate a Town employee to handle and keep a log of all cemetery complaints.

Seconded by, Ms. Gambardella.

VOTE: All

He then distributed the Draft Rules and Regulations to Commission members. He said that after the Commission reviews the document, he will make the necessary changes and will forward the draft to the First Selectman. The First Selectman will then forward it to the Town Attorney for review. The next step would be to present it to the Board of Selectmen and then to a Town Meeting. Rev. Morrow then went over the draft rules and regulations in detail. Commission members asked questions and made recommendations.

Ms. Gambardella suggested that Rev. Morrow show the draft to Lynn Sadosky, Victor Palma and Phyllis Havens.

Further discussion followed.

Rev. Morrow then moved to adopt the draft Rules and Regulations and to have them reviewed by Town Officials for comments and recommendations.

Seconded by, Ms. Gambardella.

VOTE: All in favor.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Commission at this time Ms. Gambardella moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 P.M.

Seconded by, Ms. Fredricksen.

VOTE: All in favor.

Next meeting is scheduled for October 13, 2010.